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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence

Bill,

Further to MacEachin's comment in our meeting, the NSC Staff said again today [redacted] that the three subjects for the meeting will be discussion of regional issues, humans rights and bilateral relations. The NSC wants to stay away from arms control. I have cast your talking points so as <sup>also</sup> to hit on these subjects.

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It is in these three areas that I think the Soviets will try to complement their arms control strategy in terms of rekindling the appearance of a warmer atmosphere between the two countries.

- The Soviets may sound like the soul of reason on Afghanistan, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Southern Africa. I wouldn't expect any concessions of any significance but I would not expect them to be confrontational.

- On human rights, [redacted]

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[redacted] you might see some new commitments on Jewish immigration and perhaps even release of a dissident or two to appear forthcoming on human rights.

- Similarly, the Soviets will press for bilateral agreements in several areas and certainly will want at minimum strong language in the communique about strengthening bilateral relations. They may even want some sort of separate document along the lines of the 1972 Basic Declaration of Principles.

In short, essentially empty Soviet gestures in these areas (with possible exception of some aspects on the human rights score) will complement their overall strategy as laid out in the attached talking points -- and should not be viewed in isolation from it.

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SUBJECT: National Security Council Meeting -- Shevardnadze Visit (C)

There will be a National Security Council meeting in the Cabinet Room on Friday, September 20, at 11 a.m., on the visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. Attached is an agenda for the meeting. (C)

The focus of this meeting will be on bilateral issues, regional concerns, and human rights. Arms control issues will be examined in-depth at a future NSC meeting. (C)

  
William F. Martin  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:  
Tab A Agenda

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99939**CONFIDENTIAL****NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING****Friday, September 20, 1985  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Cabinet Room****AGENDA**

- I. Introduction.....Robert C. McFarlane  
(5 minutes)
- II. Objectives for Geneva Meetings  
& perspectives of the  
Shevardnadze Meeting ..... Secretary Shultz  
(10 minutes)
- III. Intelligence review on Soviet  
expectations..... William P. Casey  
(5 minutes)
- IV. Defense perspective..... Secretary Weinberger  
(5 minutes)
- V. Discussion.....All Participants  
(30 minutes)
- VI. Conclusion.....Robert C. McFarlane  
(5 minutes)

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